

SPECIAL PARK USE FEE SCHEDULE

Fort Sumter National Monument
Charles Pinckney National Historic Park



Administrative Cost

Application Fee:

Servicewide Standard

\$50.00

Location Cost

Land/Facility Use Fee:

Performance Bond:
(0-75 people) (76+ people)

Fort Moultrie VC Auditorium	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Fort Moultrie VC Back Lot	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Fort Moultrie Jasper Field	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Fort Moultrie VC Observation Deck	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Fort Moultrie VC Plaza	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Fort Sumter Parade Ground	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Liberty Square Front Lawn	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Liberty Square Promenade	\$350.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Liberty Square Rip Rap Lawn	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Liberty Square Shade Shelters	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Charles Pinckney Comfort Station	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Charles Pinckney East Grounds	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
Charles Pinckney Film Room	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$700.00

Recoverable Cost

Management Fee:

Personnel costs are calculated on an hourly basis and include benefit costs.

	Base Rate		Sunday		Holiday	
	Regular	Overtime	Regular	Overtime	Regular	Overtime
Permanent Employees						
GS 5	17.73	26.60	22.16	26.60	35.46	26.60
GS 7	21.96	32.94	27.45	32.94	43.92	32.94
GS 9	26.87	40.31	33.59	40.31	53.74	40.31
GS 11	32.51	48.77	40.64	48.77	65.02	48.77
WG 10	26.51	39.75	33.14	39.75	53.02	39.75
Seasonal Employees						
GS 5	14.18	21.27	17.73	21.27	28.36	21.27

Amortized Boat Operations Cost

\$130.00/hr

Recoverable costs also include supplies and materials needed to restore order to an area that has been left in unacceptable condition after a permitted activity. The performance bond is used in such cases; however, if the recovery costs exceed the performance bond amount, then a Bill For Collection is issued to the permittee for the balance.

All special park use permits are reviewed on an individual basis. Approval is subject to National Park Service policy established in Director's Order 53. Additionally, the general authority to regulate park uses and issue permits as a procedure for permitting activities within parks is found in the NPS Organic Act (16 U.S.C. § 1). Park use is further regulated in 36 CFR Part 1.6. The authority to charge a fee and to recover costs is found in 31 U.S.C. § 9701 that outlines the requirements of charging fees for "special services."

Explanation of Costs:

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| Administrative Cost | - | This fee is related to the costs of processing the permit application, which include reviewing the application, permit preparation, and development of the administrative record. Some requested activities may require considerable additional administrative costs such as environmental, cultural, and other compliance and approval. In such cases, the additional costs will be added to the standard fee. |
| Location Cost | - | <p>Two types of fees are associated with location costs.</p> <p>The land/facility use fee is a one-time charge for use of a specific area. These charges were determined by a cost comparison with county park facilities.</p> <p>The performance bond acts as a deposit. It represents the permittee's guarantee of compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. The performance bond is returned to the permittee once the NPS determines that the area of use had been left in acceptable condition. If a determination is made that the area of use is not left in acceptable condition; i.e. excessive litter or damage to resources and/or facilities, then the performance bond is retained by the NPS as reimbursement for the cost of recovery. Retention of the performance bond does not preclude the issuance of a Bill For Collection for any recovery costs that exceed the performance bond amount.</p> |
| Recoverable Cost | - | <p>These fees include all costs associated with the management of a permit, which includes costs for personnel, boat operations, and supplies and materials. Management fees generally represent the cost for management of a permitted activity during the activity. The performance bond is applied towards management fees required for recovery of an area after a permitted activity, if needed. Performance bonds are accepted in cash, money order, or cashier's check only.</p> <p>The amortized boat cost is an hourly fee that covers all boat operations expenses including operator wages, fuel, and maintenance on the vessel.</p> |

Exemptions From Fees:

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| May be appropriate when | - | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. furnishing the service without charge is an appropriate courtesy to a foreign government or international organization; or comparable fees are set on a reciprocal basis with a foreign country; or2. the permittee is a state, local, or Federal government agency or a tribal government; or |
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3. the Superintendent determines that the use will promote the mission of the National Park Service or promote the public safety, health or welfare.

Is appropriate when

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1. a charge is prohibited by legislation or executive order; or
2. the requested use involves exercise of a right pertaining to water, property, minerals, access, Native American religious practices, or the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution including freedom of assembly, speech, religion, and press.

Exemptions for state and local governments or non-profit groups are not automatic. The permittee must be engaged in an activity designed for the public safety, health or welfare for an exemption to be granted.

General Example: A Red Cross blood drive may be exempted, but a Red Cross banquet for it's workers to celebrate the successful drive would not.

Site Specific Restrictions:

Fort Moultrie grounds around the fort and the grounds around Battery Jasper are strictly for commemorative events and military operations. Due to these grounds being designated "commemorative," NPS regulations severely restrict the types of activity allowed.

Weddings are not allowed on the commemorative grounds around Fort Moultrie, at Fort Sumter, or at Liberty Square. They have been allowed on the lawn area at the Charles Pinckney NHS, and would be considered for the rear lawn area of the Fort Moultrie visitor center. Wedding receptions, however, have not been authorized.

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Special Park Uses

A permit **is not** required when:

1. the filming or photography is for personal use and it occurs within normal visitation areas and hours.
2. the filming or photography is for commercial use without models, props, or sets, and occurs within normal visitation areas and hours.
3. the filming or photography is occurring due to press coverage of breaking news.

A permit **is** required when:

1. the filming or photography includes the use of models, props, or sets (this includes a request for a release from the general public.)
2. the filming or photography requires entry into areas restricted from normal visitation.
3. the filming or photography requires access to park locations outside of normal visitation hours.

Other Considerations

- The NPS will not sign a location release.
- The NPS can request a credit line.
- The NPS will not censor the content of a filming project, nor require a finished product. However, the NPS may review a story board or other material offered by the applicant to determine:
 1. whether a credit line is appropriate; or
 2. whether active NPS assistance and authorization of use of the arrowhead symbol is appropriate.
- The following criteria may justify the denial/rejection of a permit:
 1. resource impairment or damage,
 2. disruption of visitor use or normal park operations,
 3. requested use is within closed areas,
 4. management requirements,
 5. inability to obtain insurance and/or bonding,
 6. illegal portrayals (defacing monuments), and
 7. failure to agree to pay assessed cost recovery.
- Fees associated with filming and photography permits are determined in the same manner as fees for other permits, with the exception of land/facility use fees, which are not applicable to filming and photography permits.